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**(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))—NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Prunus Plant 'VSL-2'

I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION Krymsk Breeding Station of Vavilov Institute

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Krasnodar region, Russia 353384

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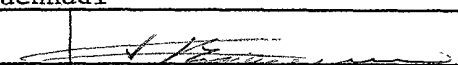
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**PLANT PATENT  
APPLICATION (35 U.S.C. 161)  
DECLARATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the new and distinct variety of:

Prunus

plant named: 'VSL-2'

which is claimed and for which a plant patent is sought, the specification of which

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Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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